Application No. 10/540,134 Docket No. 2540-1031

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that the pending claims were directed to allowable subject matter.

The claims were amended responsive to the claim suggestions made by the Examiner and the pending §112, second paragraph rejections.

New claims 7-12 are based on prior claims 1-6, drafted slightly differently and in more standard U.S. form.

Allowance of claims 1-12 is solicited.

Should there be any remaining formal matters, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be telephonically contacted so as to discuss any necessary amendments to place the case in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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